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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Pre Application of:

Application No.: 09/176,274

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2006 for one month from April 30, 2006 to May 31, 2006.

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Signature

May 31, 2006
Date of Signature

Submitted herewith is a check for \$120.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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